Deputationists in the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare

4121. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of officers from various Ministries/Departments are at present on deputation to the National Institute of Healh and Family Welfare, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of such officers and since when they are on deputation;

(c) the number of times extensions were granted to those deputationists and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that the said officers have been assigned administrative powers; if so what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government propose to withdraw such power and send them back to their parent officers; if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir. There are only two officers on deputation in the National Institute of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi.

(b) Shri Bhagat Singh, Under Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture as Deputy Director (Admn.) since 1-11-1983.

(ii) Shri P. D. Kulkarni, Vallabhai Patel Chest Institute, Delhi as Programmer since 13-8-1987.

(c) Shri Bhagat Singh was granted extensions five times in public interest with the approval of the Competent Authority as admissible under the Government of India rules. The extensions were granted as the candidates for the post of Deputy Director (Admn.) could not be selected by the Standing Selection Committee due to administrative reasons such as the Members and Expert Members were not available for the meeting on 30-1-1988, 3-6-88, 6-7-88, 13-7-88 and 4-8-88. (ii) Shri P. D. Kulkarni, Programmer has been granted extension for the first time only. The extension was granted in public interest as per existing rules.

(d) The Director, NIHFW has delegated powers in the administrative matters to the Deputy Director (Admn.) as per the bye-laws of the Institute.

(e) There is no proposal under consideration to withdraw such powers from the Institute. The Officers on deputation will be sent back to the parent offices as soon as suitable candidates are selected.

Air Hostesses and pilots having extra Marital relationship

4122. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1008 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th May, 1988 and state:

(a) to what extent Government's instructions in the Indian Airlines are being followed;

(b) what are the details of air-hostesses and Pilots identified as having extra marital relationship during the last one year; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Instiructions on the subject are being followed rigidly.

(b) No such case has come to notice during the last year;

(c) Does not arise.

Implementation of drug price control order

4123. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have implemented Drug Price Control Order;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for non-implementation of the said Order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The Drug Price Control Order, 1987 is being administered by the Department of Chemicals who are the implementing authority.

Use of Hydrocortisone eye drops

4124. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hydrocortisone eye drops cause irritation to the eyes and is therefore sparsely used;

(b) whether it is a fact that among the corticosteroids, Betamethasone and Dexamethasone eye drops are preferred;

(c) the total annual sales of Betamethasone and Dexamethasone eye preparations; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Betamethasone and Dexamathasone eye drops are extensively used in AIIMS, and Hydrocortisone eye drops are rarely used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Information is not monitored by the National Programme for Control of Blindness.

(d) The choice of the drug for treatment of a disease depends upon its nature, stage severity and judgement of the attending physician.

Carelessness on the part of Ministry's Representative recommending drugs for Category-II

4125. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the criterion of Kelkar Committee was that drugs having sales turn over of Rs. 50 lakhs or more are included in category-II;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to the negligence of his representatives more than 50 drugs are included in category-II in violation of the above criteria and over 100 drugs have been exclude;

(c) whether it is also a fact that public is suffering as a result of the above omission and commissions; and

(d) whether Government propose to make an inquiry into the matter;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) The Kelkar Committee was initially set up by the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals for identification of Drugs under Category II of the Drug Prices Control Order, 1987, as per norms set by them. Discepancies noticed in categorisation of drugs under category II have already been brought to the notice of the Department of Chemicals and Petro-chemicals.

Drugs for Trachoma Control Programme

4126. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total sales turn-over of Hydrocortisone drops during 1988 was Rs. 1.55 lakhs and that of Tetracycline Opthaimic Rs. 1 lakh, Aureomycin Rs. 0.39 lakhs and of Terramycin Rs. 132.57 lakhs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that inclusion of Hydrocortisone and Tetracycline for Tracoma Control Programme is an eye-wash to deceive the public;

(c) what are the reasons for ignoring the effective and widely used drugs; and

(d) what steps have been taken to enquire into the matter and fix the responsibility in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Information is not monitored by the National Programme for Control of Blindness.